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SUBJECT: GHANA SEEKS FINANCING FOR CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING

1. SUMMARY. GHANA SEEKS US SUPPORT AT A MAY 31 TO JUNE 2 "DONOR'S" CONFERENCE IN GENEVA BOTH FOR (1) MULTILATERAL AFRICAN-WIDE TRAINING IN CIVIL AVIATION; AND (2) CERTAIN GHANAIAI NATIONAL TRAINING PROJECTS. WE RECOMMEND AGAINST BILATERAL US SUPPORT FOR GHAIANIAI CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING NEEDS AS THESE FALL OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF OUR AID PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA SUPERVISING DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, JOE CLELAND, CALLED IN CHARGE MAY 22 TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE (TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL). AID MEMOIRE PROVIDES BACKGROUND TO MAY 31-JUNE 2 DONOR'S CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY THE OAU, UNDP, ICAO, AND THE AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION. AIDE MEMOIRE ANTICIPATES THAT USA MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON A BILATERAL BASIS. TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT IS DLS 1,515,000. CLELAND NOTED THAT GOG IS ALSO APPROACHING WESTERN EUROPEAN DONORS, USSR, AND JAPAN.

3. CHARGE NOTED THAT US IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO UNDP AND LOOKS TO ICAO, AS EXECUTING AGENCY, TO MEET SUCH
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CIVIL AVIATION ASSISTANCE NEEDS USING UNDP FUNDS. THE US, HE NOTED, PROVIDES NO CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING TO GHANA UNDER ITS BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, WHICH IS FOCUSED ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD, OF COURSE, FORWARD THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON PROMPTLY AND CONVEY USG REACTION WHEN RECEIVED.

4. COMMENT/ RECOMMENDATION. THIS REQUEST DOES NOT FIT IN WITH OUR PRESENT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND WE SEE LITTLE REASON TO CHANGE THEM. HOWEVER, THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF THE DONOR'S CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND IT IS AT LEAST POSSIBLE THAT SOMETHING COULD EMERGE AT THAT MEETING TO WARRANT A MORE POSITIVE RESPONSE. UNLESS SOME SUCH NEW ELEMENT DOES EMERGE, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST ACCEDING TO THE GOG REQUEST FOR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. (WE ASSUME WE WOULD TREAT ANY MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST RECEIVED AT THE DONOR'S MEETING IN GENEVA AS MET WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP).

5. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE LET US KNOW THE OUTCOME OF THE MAY 31-JUNE 2 DONOR'S CONFERENCE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR A RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.
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